

# IRMA TIMES

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## THE ROYAL BLACK KNIGHTS OF THE GRAND BLACK ORDER OF IRELAND INSTITUTE A PRECEPTORY AT IRMA.

Sir Knight Robert White, P. G. M., grand organizer, assisted by Sir Knight Hegarty, grand lecturer, Sir Knight E. Williams, grand persuant, Sir Knights J. W. Graydon, J. Watson, W. Jenkins, and a large number of visiting Sir Knights from Manville and Edgerton made a very successful institution of the new Royal Black Preceptory at Irma on Monday, 29th November. There were 21 applicants and they all being successful in passing the censors, the huge task of putting this number through the eleven beautiful and impressive degrees of the Royal Black Order was proceeded with. The officers in charge were fully competent and had made good progress with the work at 1 A. M. when an adjournment was made for lunch after which the Sir Knights proceeded with renewed vigor to finish the degree work. The following officers were then elected:—

W. P. Sir Knight J. W. Graydon.  
D. P. Sir Knight J. Watson.  
Chaplain, Sir Knight J. Fenton.  
Treasurer, Sir Knight J. W. Wyatt.  
Registrar, Sir Knight S. R. McGregor.  
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First Censor, Sir Knight C. E. Fenton.  
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First Standard Bearer, Sir Knight W. G. Jackson.  
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Pursuivant, Sir Knight M. McLeod.  
Outside Tyler, Sir Knight W. E. Walker.  
1st Committee Man, Sir Knight S. E. Knapp.  
2nd Committee Man, Sir Knight J. Mair.  
3rd Committee Man, Sir Knight A. A. Dickson.  
4th Committee Man, Sir Knight W. Askin.  
5th Committee Man, Sir Knight Lake.  
6th Committee Man, Sir Knight J. R. Allison.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Sir Knight Robert White for the very able and courteous manner in which he had conducted the proceedings, was followed by another vote of thanks to the visiting Sir Knights some of them having driven over forty miles to assist. Replies to the votes were given by Sir Knights R. White, Hegarty, E. Williams and others and the preceptory adjourned at 6.30 A. M.

Special mention is due Sir Knights Hegarty and Williams for the able manner in which they gave the lectures of the eleven degrees.

The new Preceptor will be known as the Star of Irma, No. 422.

## IRMA AFTER THE FLOOD.

And it came to pass last June that the waters of the flood were upon Irma, filling all the sloughs and covering much of Harry's land. And Joseph sayeth unto Harry, we shall dig a great canal and let George invite all his kinsmen to go forth and plow and scrape and pile up mounds and hills, 700 cubits long. And Dr. sayeth unto them go slow, for surely the end of our bank roll cometh. Then a great vision overshadowed the Fathers and they saw signs and dreamed dreams of borrowing, but the Powers that Be said, Nay, Nay, and low there cometh a great frost and hardeneth the waters and the Fathers time draweth near the end. "We will now slip out and let some other creatures finish our job," —and the waters in the sloughs remained 15 days and 15 nights till the time of King Frost. Then cometh the time for nominations, and it was good, but no creatures were to be found brave enough to guide the Ark and finish the Canal. Truly, we have a helluva bunch of interested citizens "for themselves."

"For they were bully good fellows,  
With 45 mills they collect.  
They have put the town, that was Up—now Down,  
For many moons, by heck."—Grouch.

—Editor's note: The above item was left in our office Wednesday during our absence. Evidently the party writing it was ashamed to sign his name. After the flood above referred to, the Town Council proceeded to find some way of getting rid of the surplus water also to arrange for drainage of sloughs in the centre of the town which have been a nuisance ever since the town was laid out. 75 percent of the residents of the village stormed the Council to proceed at once to get the water off. The Council took up the matter with the G. T. P. engineers who gave them levels and estimates of the necessary excavations to be made. Acting on this advice the Council went as far as the finances would permit. A petition was circulated and signed by every ratepayer approached with the exception of one person: This party wanted to have the water pumped out but after figuring out the volume of water to be pumped and the fact that it would take a pumping engine the size of the one used by the City of Edmonton several months to pump it out. This petition to issue debentures was turned down by the Utilities Commission, therefore the Council was unable to complete the work.

The present Council has served for two terms, having spent considerable of their own time and felt it was up to some one else to take some interest in the Village affairs. As far as he present Council are concerned he finances of the Village are in as good shape as when they took office and the town has something to show for the money spent.

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## URGENT APPEAL TO THE CITIZENS OF THE IRMA DISTRICT.

The Canadian Red Cross Society have issued an urgent appeal for help on behalf of the Imperial War Famine Fund for the relief of famine and distress in Central Europe. We are all familiar through the press and other channels with the appalling conditions which exist in the greater part of Europe today. We are asked to assist disease stricken nations in averting one of the most terrible and terrifying calamities which has ever overtaken mankind. Typhus is raging, in these countries and expert medical advisers of the Red Cross Society predict that unless checked by effective aid and drastic preventive measures, it will spread to an alarming degree throughout all countries of Europe, perhaps over the whole world.

There are also 11,000,000 children in Europe now fatherless from war and who face the next few years without hope of adequate care unless assistance is given. Poland has 500,000 orphans, most of whom are living in camps for destitute refugees. In Czecho-Slovakia, Austria and Hungary there are at least 1,000,000 orphans, of whom 5000 were found recently wandering like animals in the Ruthenian mountains.

People! There is a call for help. Will you give something, no matter how small the gift? Open your hearts in the time of affliction and assist the poor and lowly. Your reward will be great. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." (Matt 25-40.)

Please hand subscriptions in to Mr. W. Masson, manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada, Irma, who is secretary of the Irma organization. Donations of any amount will be thankfully received.

## RE U. F. A. MEMBERSHIP.

Fabyan, Alta, Dec. 6th, 1920.

The Editor Irma Times, Dear Sir:—

Having read in your paper a while back about the proposed membership drive of the U.F.A. the writer would like to know if the country around here was canvassed in November? As the writer knows some people that were left out, and that they were the first ones to put their names down when the local U.F.A. was started a couple of years ago. Though times were hard, those 6.00 were put by for the canvasser that never came. If there was such an official appointed? And do they get paid for their trouble? If so, he would be getting his money under false pretenses, would he not? As he had not done his duty.

Thanking you for space in your valuable paper for the above, I am, Yours truly,

A Subscriber.

Editor's Note— We believe if Subscriber cannot find a canvasser in his district to accept his payment he will have no trouble finding a way to get his membership entered by sending word to the Secretary of the Irma Local U. F. A. As far as we know no remuneration is paid canvassers, and we think the canvassers from the Irma Locals covered the ground very thoroughly.



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## Love of The Wild

— BY —

ARCHIE P. McKISHNIE

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(Continued)

For an hour and a half after Boy had gone Paisley worked, fast and furious. Building a turkey-trap was no easy job for one man, for a turkey-trap was practically a diminutive log-house with a narrow ground-floor and a well-built roof of tough, heavy timbers, strong enough to hold a horse from within or a turkey-loving brown bear from without. When the work of her one was finished, Paisley stood back and grinned commendably.

"Pretty good trap, that," he said, speaking aloud; as was the habit of most Bush-lackers. "Don't it beat all how foolish a turkey is, now! Just think of 'em follerin' up a trail of hick-nuts or chaff and eatin' the little log-house with their heads down and insides out, not seein' the door they went in by at all!"

He laughed quietly and felt for his pipe.

"Just as soon as they find they're trapped, up goes their heads and they never see nothing but the roof after that. The scower a turkey is, the higher up goes its head. I'll bet my winter's tobacco that this trap is good for five at least."

He sat down on a log and lit his pipe.

"Well, well," he sighed, "what'll Boy and Big Mac do without that little mother? What'll they do?"

He pulled viciously at his short pipe and then sprang up and grunted his ass again. Then he stood still, looking away through the woods with unseeing eyes.

"That's it," he said huskily. "What'll she do—that R?"

He tramped slowly onward and found another slope on a narrow ridge.

"I'll build the other three close in here," he told himself, and started to work.

It was past noon before the traps were finished. Then Paisley, wiping his streaming brow with his hand, tramped slowly across toward Mac-Tavish's. Above him the sun shone the gold of late autumn. Around him rang the cheerful voices of jay, high-loller, and cock-of-the-wood. Here and there a yellow splash of sunlight fell through the trees and painted golden patches upon the dead leaves.

But Paisley was not a bird of this. He kept repeating in his mind the question:

"What'll she do?—what'll Hite Gloss do?"

As Paisley was about to leave the timber for the path along the creek his acute ear caught the sound of a paddle dipping the water lightly, and peering through the trees he saw two men in a skiff skirt the near shore, and glide stealthily about them.

Paisley's eyes narrowed and his heavy jaw set.

"Teacher's spending," his Saturday holidayer, I suppose," he muttered.

"Well, I'm waitin' here to see just what he's goin' to do, and learn who that big man is with him."

The men in the skiff stood up and, stepping ashore, pulled the boat up after them.

Bill Paisley's muscles began to bunch beneath his deerskin jacket. It was with the greatest difficulty that he restrained himself from launching forth and giving the visitors a taste of his own brand of hospitality.

But he held himself in check, feeling that he might learn something of far more benefit to his friends and himself than this gratification of desire would prove.

The men were speaking in hushed accents, but the hush was not a hush every word. As he listened his hands clenched and his blue eyes darkened.

"I won't do to go up too close, I tell you, Watson," Simpson was saying. "They've got a dog that would like to tear me to pieces; and for that Boy, I'd rather face a nest of rattlesnakes any time than a rat."

"Bah!" jeered the other; "scared, eh? You've got a lot of yellow in you, Simpson."

"You needn't talk," said the school-teacher reddening. "It was worse than this nicks cowardly that got you into this mess. You're trying to get you out of. And see here, I don't want any more of your gibes or I'll let you go to thunder and get out of the thing the best way you can."

"Oh, say, now," said the other with a forced laugh, "this won't do, my boy. We must quarrel, you and I. Remember, the Colonel is to give you your piece if we can grab her to-night. We'll have the horses across in Twin Hill, scale yonder, and get her away."

"And this mornin', just when I was clearin' the breakfast dishes, who should walk in but old Betty. She didn't look at me, but went right on in where Granny and auntie were, and she heard her say somethin' about my indin' Dat. Dat was on one who was lost and bringin' him home. And all the time she was pourin' some stuff from a bottle into a cup, Granny says it was the spell she was castin'."

Anyway, she made auntie

before these idiots avarise anything!"

"See here, Watson," he said, "I guess you understand. I'm not doing this for amusement. I want to be the girl. If we pull this thing off to-night, I'm away and she goes with me."

Watson laughed discomfitedly.

"Well, I don't blame you for not wanting to stay here. It's not very healthy for you. All we want you to do before you go is to help us get hold of the girl, and of course it's understood she's yours."

The two turned up the path, and Paisley lay low and let them pass. Then he plunged into the wood. As the plotters warily turned the bend in the path they came unexpectedly upon Paisley, and instead of sneering in the opposite direction.

"You gents got a pass?" he asked, laying his rifle up the ground.

"No, sir," replied Watson, "and what's more, we don't need one."

"Oh, you don't?—Well, then, you had better be careful, or you'll be in a short time."

He pointed across the creek and Watson's purple face flushed a deeper shade.

"Look here," he commanded, "we're your friends. We want to do you Bush-lackers a favor. Is this any way to treat your friends?"

"We're not needin' friends," returned Paisley. "Now, you chaps, get while you're able to walk."

"I'll go when we're ready, not before," growled the agent, putting himself on the defensive.

Paisley's long right arm shot forward and Watson's bulky form executed a half somersault on the moss.

Simpson sprang in, but Paisley's hand gripped him by the shoulder.

"So, you must learn your lesson, too, eh?" he said grimly, and sent the teacher to earth with a straight left from the shoulder.

Watson struggled erect with a groan.

"You're broken my arm," he moaned.

"You'll pay for this. Nobody can afford to pay for this. Nobody can afford to pay for this. Nobody can afford to pay for this."

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Paisley got up from his chair and took the girl's face between his hands.

"Glossie," he said, patting her cheeks, "you sure is goin' to get well. I ain't castin' a doubt whether it is witchcraft or no witchcraft. Guess I better go outside and hunt up Boy and Mac, 'cause I'm goin' to huller some more. Now, don't you forget your promise, Glossie."

Paisley stepped out into the lengthening shadows of the late afternoon. Down in the far end of the potato-patch he saw Bill Mac-Tavish and Boy working. Beside them stood Dave, his inseparable comrade.

He watched them as he saw the big man bend and pat the child's yellow hair, then point toward the house. But Dave, shield his head and pointed away.

"I tellin' Mac in his way what maybe I ought to tell him in mine," thought Paisley. "But I won't; any way, not yet a while."

(To be continued)

## Grain in Storage

Statistics Show Increase of 3,524,851 Bushels.

According to returns received at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the week ending Nov. 26, 1920, the quantity of grain in storage at the different public elevators throughout Canada has increased by 3,524,851 bushels in all grains as compared with the previous week.

Wheat shows an increase of 413,811 bushels; barley, 253,600 bushels; oats, 453,600 bushels; rye, 308,612 bushels; flax, 206,450 bushels; and rye, 38,179 bushels.

The total of stocks in store at all elevators, given in bushels, is as follows: Wheat, 49,988,635; oats, 15,709,643; barley, 3,576,681; flax, 2,627,747; rye, 477,943.

In the western country elevators an increase is shown of 4,127,751 bushels in all grains. Increases are shown in wheat of 1,898,535 bushels; oats, 1,546,274 bushels; barley, 491,848; and flax, 191,274 bushels.

Channel Service in Air is Success.

The air service between London and Paris shows at the end of the first year that 2,101 trips were made, that 4,339 passengers were carried, and that the freight tonnage totaled eighty tons. Only one fatal accident was experienced. It was due to a poor landing.

Profit in Beef Cattle

Market Requirements Much Higher Than in Former Years.

The feeding of beef cattle for the market has become a special line of work, which requires a high grade of skill and thorough understanding of the feedings values of different materials used in the production of beef, as well as an appreciation of the requirements of animal nutrition and shrewd business ability. Without these pre-requisites the feeder is doomed to receive very small returns for his labor. The market requirements for beef at present are much higher than in former years. It is necessary, therefore, in order to obtain prices which will pay the feeder for his time and outlay, to produce a herd of cattle as nearly uniform as possible in appearance and quality, with a high market finish and symmetrical development, particularly in those parts which yield high-priced cuts in which the profits lie for the butcher.

Put To The Proof.

Angelina: I don't believe you were sincere when you said you'd die for me.

Edwin: Indeed I was, dearest.

Angelina:—Then why don't you let me drive the car when you take me out motorin'—Boston Globe.

## Scout's Bravery at Sea

Jumps From Minnedosa's Deck and Rescues Little Girl.

A special despatch to the Toronto Star from Quebec says:

"When the Minnedosa was in mid-Atlantic between Liverpool and Quebec, a nine-year-old girl who, with other children, was climbing on the railing on the port side, fell overboard."

"A youth named Ronald Webb, formerly of Castleton Road, Walthamstow, England, immediately jumped, fully clothed, from the deck into the cold and rough water, between 40 and 50 feet below. He swam for the drowning child, and held her up until, as they were almost sinking, they were rescued by one of the ship's boats."

"They were brought aboard terrifically exhausted, but both recovered from the effects of the immersion, and the following day Webb was presented by the captain, on behalf of the passengers, with \$100."

"Webb was patrol leader of the 8th Walthamstow Scouts, and a second lieutenant in the 7th Battalion County of London Cadets. He recently won the cadet officers' open boxing competition at the National Sporting Club, London."

Value of Field Crops

Increase in Wheat Crops in Canada Over 1919 Crops Is \$17,873,000.

A total value of \$14,636,644,900 for the field crops of Canada during 1920 is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in a statement recently issued. This compares favorably with the 1919 statistics, when the figure was \$14,522,437,500, and with 1918, when the total estimated value was \$13,729,935,970.

The bureau states that the final returns published in January next, will show values less than those now estimated.

The total for 1920 is made up of \$5,860,730,000 for wheat, as compared with \$3,647,850,000 in 1919, and \$381,677,700 in 1918; of \$307,121,400 for oats, as compared with \$317,097,000 and \$331,357,400 of \$60,408,600 for barley, as against \$77,462,700 and \$78,378,670; of \$126,315,400 for other grains, as against \$128,499,000 and \$147,510,000.

More Motor Driven Appliances.

Motor-driven appliances to the number of 2,000,000, it is estimated, will be produced in 1920, washing machines, ironing machines, dish-washers, vacuum cleaners, sewing machines and refrigerators being included.

Lonely Giants of the Forest.

Mahogany trees do not grow in clusters, but are found scattered throughout forests and hidden in dense undergrowth.

More Coffee—Perhaps.

Abyssinia is the original home of the coffee tree, and in the highlands of that country there are immense forests of it that have never been touched.

Pot and Kettle.

Just when we were beginning to enjoy cussing England for her treatment of Ireland, here comes the Haiti mess.—Albany Times Union.

The wild cherry, with its beautiful red-bronze bark, is a miser. It is so niggardly that it cannot bring itself to part with its own dead branches, but retains them indefinitely.

## The Dress Retains Its Popularity

By Gertrude Beresford.

Simple frocks for the informal affairs of daytime for shopping or for the morning promenade are shown in most fascinating styles. This model is originated in orange silk gabardine. A one-piece creation, it is richly ornamented with buttons, covered with the fabric and edged with black satin. The sleeves are very short and are finished with monkey fur. This is also used around the collar and about the hem. The bodice is slightly bloused above the belt or orange cloth. In the back a little fullness is shirred in at the waistline.

The small soft hat is made of the fabric and its trimming of monkey fur carries out the treatment used on the dress.

H.C. of L. in Philippines.

One of the explanations of the high cost of living in the Philippines as given by a complaining native is that the tribesmen who were formerly content to appear in a breech-cloth are now compelled to wear pants by order of Uncle Sam.

Clad Like Their Parents.

The children of Holland are dressed in exactly the same manner as their parents. In the matter of their garb there is very little variety in that country and it is sometimes difficult to determine the difference between the children and adults.

A sounding by Perry five miles from the North Pole failed to reach bottom after lead had been let down 9,000 feet.

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## Slaves to a Select Diet

BY LORETTO C. LYNCH  
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I have had a visitor, a boy of twelve. Dear boy, too. The kind of a boy who could do little things for you and whistle and fly kites and be generally nice—until it comes to eating. And this boy's diet is so limited that it is hard work to cook for him.

Sick? Not a bit of it. But the poor boy has been permitted to grow used to eating just a few of the more expensive foods. And no matter how tasty may be some of the cheaper dishes nor how attractively you prepare them, the boy is polite but quite firm in his refusal to so much as try them.

And the boy is worth writing about because there are so many more of him. And the boy and girl of his kind is grown up, the boarder who picks the boarding house charging a fair board and then grumbles because so many things are served that are "uneatable."

And the boy grown is the unhappy traveler who, because he cannot get the few foods he knew at home, desires the land of milk and honey. Sometimes this is a good thing. He is a good boy, and he is a good man. He is the boy in the Army and Navy who feels abashed when he receives wholesome meals well planned from a dietitian and properly prepared because only now and then do they give him of the few foods to which he has limited himself.

One of the first bits of advice is, do not let this sort of thing happen. No child likes new foods always the first time they are presented to him. And this is true of grownups, too. But the housewife who would use the world's available food supply to advantage will make an effort to introduce at least one new dish a week into the diet. Make half the recipe. Sometimes a small serving is more conducive to liking than a larger portion.

There are some housewives who think that a meal without potatoes is really not a meal. Yet these same women are often surprised to find that their families welcome steamed rice with carefully prepared tomato sauce when perchance they are dining out.

My little visitor did not come for me to discipline in the way of what was good for him to eat. And, of course, courtesy dictated that I try to please him. But he ate only steak, chops, potatoes, white bread, butter, peas, corn, and a few rich desserts. There was no green vegetable, or in fact any vegetable, other than peas and corn that he would eat. Fruit, too, and eggs and cereals and milk he had no liking for, although he would take milk in cocoa or a rich dessert.

Yet had he not been a guest, had he been trained for a few weeks, I feel sure that through starvation he could have been induced to taste the golden apple sauce or the luscious baked apple or the nice, fat raisins and other delicious fruits.

And when he became hungry again, he would have been able to eat a slice of boiled mutton, with its tender carrots and boiled onions. And, possibly, if we put a very little bright red jam on the thinly sliced brown bread, he would have had a change from brown bread as well as a simple, attractive dessert.

### Not Traditional

The report that the sultan of a South Sea island has willed all his wives to a Yankee sailor indicates that his majesty was not informed about the traditions of sailormen whose way is said to be to scatter their wives rather than to concentrate them in one port.—Detroit Free Press.

Plenty of women do odd things for the sake of getting even.

## A Kidney Remedy

Kidney troubles are frequently caused by badly digested food which overtaxes these organs to eliminate the irritant acids formed. Help your stomach to properly digest the food by taking 15 to 30 drops of Extract of Roots, sold as Mother Seigel's Carative Syrup, and your kidney disorder will promptly disappear. Get the genuine.

## Growth of the Livestock Industry

Tolmie Praises Work of Cleaning Up Mangle Areas on the Prairies.

Hon. Dr. S. P. Tolmie, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, in an address at a banquet given in his honor by 150 employees of the federal department of agriculture in Ontario, spoke highly of the work being done by the employees of his department. Speaking of the importance and responsibility of protecting the health of the livestock of Canada, Dr. Tolmie estimated the total value of the livestock at two billion dollars. Great credit was given the employees in the department who had succeeded in cleaning up the mangle area in Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan during the past summer.

British control of Canadian bacon on sale in England was deprecated by Dr. Tolmie, who said efforts were being made to have the control removed. Canadian bacon was in keen demand in the old country and was being used to help sell American bacon, which was not of the same high quality.

The minister explained the injustice Canada suffered by the British embargo on Canadian cattle.

### Currency Scarce in Africa.

Currency has become so scarce in some parts of Africa that people have returned to bartering almost exclusively, and church offerings have to be brought in produce instead of money. This is the case in some confusion, as when chickens escape from their owners before the offering is taken. At one communion service in the Elat Mission seventeen people were required to bring in the collection.

## HOLY GEE, MY HEAD FEELS GOOD TO-DAY!

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### Wins Over 60 Grain Prizes at Shows.

D. I. Shely, a Lloydminster farmer, has been notified that he is the winner of the fourth prize for six rows of barley in a class of nearly 70 competitors at the International at Chicago. His grade was lowered owing to discoloration by rain. This makes a total of over 60 grain prizes won by Lloydminster farmers at international and provincial shows, included in which are the Colorado trophy, being the world prize for oats, and the Brackman Kerr trophy, being the prize for the best milling oats in Canada.

### Minard's Liniment For Diphtheria.

### Scotch Farmers Anxious to Come.

Rev. J. Knox Clark, immigration chaplain, Winnipeg, asks the Winnipeg Free Press why there is such an easy entry into Canada for undesirable when the most desirable of all settlers, Scottish farmers, are unable to get transportation for the coming summer into Canada. He declared that he had heard there were 15,000 Scottish farmers, ready to leave for Canada at once but that they had to defer their departure on account of shortage of shipping accommodation.

### Semenoff in Manchuria.

General Semenoff, former leader of the anti-Bolshevik forces along the frontier between Siberia and Mongolia, has arrived in Port Arthur, Manchuria, where it is expected he will find asylum. Gen. Semenoff gave up the struggle against the Bolsheviks when his men, defeated by the Soviet hordes, deserted in great numbers.

### The Eternal Question.

Judge (to lady witness).—Married? Witness.—Yes. Judge.—Age? Witness.—Twenty-five. Judge.—Also twice?

## Tests on Alberta Coal

Government Industrial Research Council to Conduct Experiments.

Alberta coal tests covering a wide range of scientific investigation and research will be undertaken by the government's industrial research council and the university next year, and to make preliminary arrangements for the work, Edgar Stensfield, who has been secured as chemical engineer for the government, is now in Edmonton. Just when the experimentation is to take place has not yet been decided, but Mr. Stensfield is discussing the matter with the government and university authorities with a view to the arranging for the installation of the necessary plant and testing apparatus and to determine the precise nature of the work to be first undertaken.

## Catarrh Cannot be Cured

By LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they can reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, really induced by constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will cure catarrh. It is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is composed of some of the best things known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions.

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## Reparation By Germany.

To British eyes Germany can make reparation on a large scale only if she is allowed, and even at the outset aided, to re-establish her foreign commerce. If at any future time Germany makes a deliberate default it will probably be upon a scale against which the seizure of her goods in transit or her bank balances in this country would yield but a trifle of compensation, to say nothing of the fact that it would presumably lead to a counter-seizure of British properties in Germany. If Germany deliberately defaults, the Allies will have to consider much more serious measures such as a complete boycott.—London Daily Chronicle.

## People Leaving Farms

Population of Rural Districts Decreased During the Past 15 Years.

Premier Drury has sent to Sir Henry Drayton figures bearing out his contention when before the commission that the population of rural districts had greatly decreased during the past 15 years and that the field crops of Ontario had suffered a progressive decrease.

Since 1905, according to the premier's figures, the population had fallen from 1,061,018 in the townships to 999,397 in 1919. In the towns and villages during this period the population had increased from 483,254 to 528,336, and in the cities from 557,988 to 1,094,262.

It is a young man is convinced that he will never amount to anything in the world it doesn't matter how soon he begins to part his hair in the middle and smoke cigarettes.



## Healthy, Happy Boys and Girls

Is your child healthy? Is he or she up to standard weight, of good color, with plenty of rich, red blood to nourish the growing tissues?

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Don't do it again—get a bottle today and keep it handy for possible use. Tonight. A sudden attack may come on—sciatica, lumbago, sore muscles, backache, stiff joints, neuralgia, the pains and aches resulting from exposure. You'll soon find warmth and relief in Sloan's, the liniment that penetrates without rubbing. Clean, economical. Three sizes—35c, 70c, \$1.40.

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## Road to Flin Flon Property.

Commence Survey of Northern Zone To Connect With Mining Field.

The survey of a railway from Mile 7 on the Hudson's Bay Railway to the Flin Flon has commenced under Major Wilcox, D.S.O. Two gangs will be required and a third may be put on to complete the work by March 1.

The route lies from Mile 7 along a gravel ridge to Lake Athabasca, a distance of 53 miles, then on the north side of the lake to Flin Flon for 33 miles. Four miles of the railway already are built as a spur of the Hudson's Bay Railway.

### Officially Dead, Cannot Draw Pension

A returned soldier, living in England, who recently applied for his pension was informed that he had been pronounced as dead. When he persisted in his claim the War Office replied by giving the number of his grave and its location. The serious part of the situation is that being dead from the military point of view he is not entitled to his pension.

## A MOTHER'S ADVICE

Once a mother has used Baby's Own Tablets for her little ones she is always happy to recommend them to others. Her advice, given after a careful trial, can be readily followed with assured good results. The Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative which never fail to regulate the bowels and sweeten the stomach. They always do good—they cannot possibly do harm. Write for the young mother's advice. Concerning them Mrs. P. Laforest, St. Nazaire, Que., writes: "For three months my baby has been constipated and cried continually. On the advice of a friend I gave him Baby's Own Tablets and now at the age of five months he is perfectly well and weighs twenty pounds. I am delighted to be able to advise other mothers to use them. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers, or by mail at 25 cents a box from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

## Commutation of Pensions

Privilege Extended to Canadian Veterans Is Available of Great Extent.

The privilege of commuting their pensions with their disability was lower than 15 per cent has been available of to a great extent. To Nov. 30 it is stated by officials of the Pensions Commissioners, 12,810 pensioners had accepted the commutation of their pensions. The amount involved to be paid over to the men so commuting their pensions, would be in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000.

Under the amendments to the act made last session, a pensioner having a disability between five per cent, and 14 per cent, was allowed to commute his pension, receiving a lump sum, dependent upon the amount of disability, rather than a small sum monthly. It was estimated that about 20,000 pensioners were entitled to commutation.

### Judicial Courtesy.

First Autoist.—I thought you said if I were sociable with the judge I could get off? Second Autoist.—Were you? First Autoist.—Yes. I said "Good morning, Judge, how are you today?" and he replied, "Fine—twenty-five dollars."—Judge.

### Alcohol As a Motor Fuel.

Alcohol alone is not suitable for use in existing types of high-speed internal combustion engines, such as are used in motor-cars, but mixed with an equal part of benzol it forms an excellent fuel for this purpose.

Don't marry an old maid with the expectation that she will get up and light the kitchen fire of a cold morning.

## Dealing in Habit Forming Drugs

Federal Officials Assisted by R.C.M.P. Prosecute Vigorous War Against Offenders.

The war against illicit dealers in habit forming drugs is being prosecuted vigorously by officials of the federal department of health, working in co-operation with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, but it is stated that there is hardly a section of the Dominion which is not in some measure enmeshed by these drugs. Every possible means is being taken to unearth offenders and during a period of eight months in 1920, prosecutions have been obtained in 40 different sections of the country, the fines in these cases amounting to approximately \$20,000.

In many cases drugs to the value of \$12,000 wholesale were confiscated, and when the hundreds per cent. profit of the traffickers were added these shipments would have had a market value of \$50,000 to \$60,000. Peddlers, dealers and even doctors and druggists' names are included in those of the convicted.

In more than one case the name of the doctor found guilty has been erased from the register of the college of physicians and surgeons of the province in which he practised.

Time isn't exactly money, but some people spend one just as foolishly as the other.

### Relief from Asthma.

Who can describe the relief from suffering which follows the use of Dr. J. K. Killogg's Asthma Remedy? Who can express the feeling of joy that comes when the tight, constricted, inflamed, the tightened, choking air tubes? It has made asthmatic affliction a thing of the past for many. Good druggists everywhere have sold it for years.

### Western Canada Poultry Association.

A proposal for the formation of a Western Canada Poultry Association in the three prairie provinces was adopted at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Poultry Breeders' Association in Saskatoon. The question of the formation of the organization will be taken up with the Alberta and Manitoba bodies by the Saskatchewan executive.

### Minard's Liniment For Colds, Etc.

Japan Refuse to Surrender Cables. Japan "stands pat" on her refusal to surrender former German cables in the Pacific seized during the war, it has been learned authoritatively at Washington.

The Japanese attitude is similar to that of France and Great Britain, which have refused to surrender the former German Atlantic cables in the interests of free and untrammelled world communication.

All mothers can put away anxiety regarding their suffering children when they have tried Minard's Worm Exterminator to give relief. Its effects are sure and lasting.

The evil that men do, often lives after they have been defeated for office.

You can't judge books by their covers—especially after the shortage has been discovered.

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### The Hall of Eight.

"Now, Tommy Smith," said the school teacher one morning "what is the half of eight?"

"Which way, teacher?" asked the youngster cautiously.

"Which way?" replied the astonished lady. "What do you mean?"

"Well on top or sideways," teacher said Tommy.

"What difference does that make?" "Why? Tommy explained, with a plying air, "half of the top of eight is nought, but half of it sideways is three."

### To Investigate Cost of Production.

David S. Kerr, chartered accountant, of Montreal, has been appointed a commissioner to investigate into and report concerning the production cost of the coal operators of District 18, British Columbia and Alberta.

### A Pleasant Time.

"Enjoy yourself at the dance last night!" asked an acquaintance.

"Yep; lollable!" replied a promiscuous young society blade of Rungridge Ark. "I liked the fiddle!" Kansas City Star.

## From Cherry Blossom Land

The Japanese Give Good Example



It is a proverb of Cherry Blossom Land that beauty of face and figure depend on a man's health.

What is it that makes our Canadian women often plain, with dark circles under the eyes, and very often old as forty-five when they should be in their prime? Women suffer in their prime from backache, spine-ache and headaches, followed by irregularities and as a result diseases of the womanly organs are more common than any one but a physician in active practice could suppose.

### ONTARIO WOMEN TESTIFY

Clitham, Ont.—"Dr. Pierce's medicines have been used in my family at home (especially by my father and mother) ever since I can remember. They always proved very satisfactory. Through overwork I at one time became all run-down in health, was on the verge of a complete nervous breakdown. I went on ailing for about two years, during which time I suffered terribly. I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it soon built me up in good health and cured me of the nervous condition. I consider it an excellent medicine for the ailments of women."—MRS. CHAS. FITZG., Jr., 28 Duke St.

### To Help Austria

Encouraging news has been received from Paris to the effect that the French and British Governments have formally agreed on the question of helping to restore Austria's economic position. The Austrian section of the reparations commission has expressed satisfaction over the French and British agreement which promises to make Austria's work easier by providing the means to raise funds.

### How to Succeed.

Orison Smith M.D., well known as an apostle of the cult of optimism, cheerfulness and business efficiency, gives the following formula for success: "Exactly in proportion to the degree in which you increase your self confidence by the affirmation of what you are determined to be, and to do, your ability will increase."

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## SPORT DOPE.

(By Buck.)

Well, W all! welcome to our City, "Patricia." I knew the new lights would attract someone and my little hunch has come to pass. You express the fact that you have always wanted to get acquainted—now that is nice—very nice indeed. You will find me a lovable sort of chap and fond of good sport, etc., and if we become acquainted I am sure we can enjoy ourselves—side by side—in the Irma Times—cause I know the printer will see that we are placed as close together as space permits—(won't you, Mr. Linoman, thank you.) By the way, Patricia, are you a descendant of that ancient beauty? If so, I am sure you will attract much attention, as that fair damsel of centuries ago did, having the princes of the four corners of the Earth as suitors. Nevertheless we must not allow ourselves to wander to such decades when the present is so much more to us. We must revolutionize our Fair Irma and bring to the people the points of interest, of the present hour. You a member of the fair sex can do your part to stir things up among your associates, and I can do likewise among my fellow beings. But you have much work ahead of you, why? The bachelors, Patricia, stop, think, of the bachelors who must cook, scrub, wash dishes, etc and your "fair sex" do not take into consideration the opportunities lost by not trying to make themselves acquainted with the bachelor tribe. Come! 'tis our duty, we must, as I said before, revolutionize Irma and bring comfort to these weary bachelors, what sayest thou "Fair Patricia." Yea, even now I fearst thou must know the plight of these young men, and even as I writest I hope you shall assist, Wilst thou fair Patootee, heed not to duty, so I speak to you in the dialect of ancient Egypt.

One of the men folks of Irma has invented a new pen, viz, by dipping a fountain pen in the ink bottle it will be found to work quite as efficient as the ordinary pen.

It used to be when a girl's shoe string came untied it was the proped thing for her escort to tie it up again. But now with shoe-tees where they are, oh well—

It's easy enough to be happy when life's brimful of content, but the man that's worth while, is the man that can smile, when the landlord goes up on the rant.

It is funny that certain gents of Irma have to travel to points elsewhere, when they wish to dance. Why not patronize the "home town" first. (Following up what friend Patootee said last week.)

Has anyone noticed our Irma since the juice was switched on at the electric station. We'll say the burg has some "peppy" appearance now. Several of the buildings around town have been wired and the juice flowed thru the wires for the first time a week ago Saturday night. It is kind of tough on the fellow from the cities who came to Irma to escape the "bright lights" to walk up street now and have to face the same "bright lights." Two street cars have been the next ten years, so Irma will be well advanced when they come

There was a young girl named Banker, Who fell asleep on a boat while at anchor, But she awoke with dismay When she heard the mate say, Lift the top sheet and sparker.

We are glad to report that the G. T. P. trains are arriving on time—once in awhile.

A masquerade Ball will be given on Wednesday, January, 5th, 1921.

"This pays this and that pays that—and the old man smiles again."

I was standing in front of a certain garage in town not many days ago, while one of the inmates proceeded to vulcanize a tire—and if all the old tires go where he, from time to time consigned the few he had—then there must be an awful smell of burnt rubber somewhere.

(Thanks for the invite Mr. Linoman, I don't mind if I do. Try some of this in my crock—we might as well make a night of it.) (How about a Xmas crock Buck?)

Patricia, fair Patricia, hearest thou me speaking unto you. How are you, fair maiden of the ancient-modern type? Have you visited Cleopatra lately and heard her "jazz band"? I take it for granted you are a personal friend of hers and altho she has long left Mother Earth, I presume you have secret means of transporting yourself to her—by the way, where is Cleopatra now, h— or h—?

A young man recently hired out with another of our farmers. One evening the far-

mer instructed him to feed the cows, giving each one a head of cabbage, and to the best cow he said give two. The young man fed the cows alright, but in the morning the farmer found two cabbages tied to the pump—we are wondering if this young man has had a meal at the orientals?

A short time ago the news columns of all the daily papers were filled with the bunk about the notorious McSwiney and of how he was slowly dying. But now the columns of the daily papers are filled with comment on the G.T.P. and C.N.R. car shortage and we are wondering if the "National Way" is not slowly dying too?

Who was the young gent from Irma, who while visiting in Edmonton recently, tried to post a letter in a "Fire Alarm" box which resulted in the calling out of the fire dept?

In a certain town in Alberta there are three tailors side by side on the same street. Not long ago the first tailor put up above his door a sign which read, "This is the best tailor in Alberta." Shortly after, the second had a sign put up which read "This is the best tailor in the Dominion." Then it was up to the third tailor to put up a sign, so he had one erected which read, "This is the best tailor on this street."—He got the business. It pays to advertise—use the columns of the Irma Times and get results.

On account of increased business the Co-op have been forced to enlarge their store. This shows that the mail order houses are "napoo" so far as Irma is concerned. It has been decided to notify Tim Eaton of the enlargement of the Co-op just around Xmas. We are sure it is going to be a hard blow to Timothy and he will rest uneasy for a while, wherever he is.

A certain lady in Irma who had purchased a lamp from one of the local stores, took it back and demanded her money. "What's the matter with it, madam, asked the clerk. "It has all the faults of my husband with none of his virtues." "Please explain yourself," said the clerk. "Well, it has a good deal of brass about it, it is not remarkably brilliant, requires a great deal of attention, is unsteady on its legs, flares up occasionally, is always out at night and is bound to smoke."—They took the lamp back.

## SENCE (By Patricia)

I wonder why Buck looks so awfully sad lately, is it because She hasn't written for some time? Never mind, the States are full of bucks, Buck, and possibly she is trying out some other one, but take it from me, Buck, she is pretty sure to return to Irma like our friend Mr. Harper, especially when you are here.

Bill Harper says Irma has drawbacks but never mind Irma is the town for him. Is there anyone else has the same idea, wonder why?

Little Roy Whyte, took a bite, Out of a Christmas pie, He looked very dazed, And asked all amazed: "Who made this Christmas pie?"

One night last week there was a most awful noise came stealing in the night about 8.30 or 9 K. When inquiries were made to find out the cause some answered they thought it was some of the oil on the ground exploding. But from a more worthy source it was found it was caused by Charlie Wilberham and his honeybunch falling on the ice. No harm was done except a very bad crack in the ice and the occupants were fairly well shaken up altho the doctor was not needed to be called.

There was a party reading The Times last week and when the article about girls' dresses and a baseball team were read, the party was heard to say: "Atta boy, Buck, give it to 'em". But I wonder what the men are going to do next, as I notice they like to follow style pretty much.

Someone said our faithful station agent was leaving us for a better position at Bruce. Wonder what the position is and what the idea of moving can be. Won't you tell us, Roy?

I wonder why a few more of the young men or bachelors (as they call themselves) don't follow Mr. Mair's example and help make Irma grow. I am sure it cannot be the lack of girls because it is said there are almost twice as many girls in Canada now than men. Come on, get busy! Don't let the other fellow have his pick, or all the bargains will be gone.

Lost—a girl and address, if whereabouts known please apply Box 909, Irma, Alta.

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each. —J. S. Gulbra, Irma. 37-9p

### NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS OWING US AC-  
COUNTS MUST CALL AND AR-  
ANGE WITH THE MANAGER  
FOR SETTLEMENT IN SOME  
WAY. WE HAVE HELPED YOU  
OUT DURING THE SEASON OF  
SHORT MONEY AND MUST IN-  
SIST ON PAYMENT NOW. DO NOT  
COMPEL US TO TAKE DRASTIC  
ACTION.  
—IRMA CO-OPERATIVE CO. LTD.,  
PER J. W. GRAYDON, MGR.

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## Irma Times

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An independent newspaper published  
every Friday at Irma, Alberta, Canada

### CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

In Co-op Hall, Thursday,  
Dec. 23. A good evening's  
entertainment has been ar-  
ranged for including, drills,  
pantomimes, solos, duets,  
and readings. Admission,  
25c. Doors open 8.30. Every  
body-welcome.

A christmas entertain-  
ment and Christmas Tree  
will be given at Ross School  
house on Xmas Eve, Dec. 24.,  
by the scholars of the day  
school and Ross Sunday  
School. Program will begin  
promptly at 8 o'clock. La-  
dies kindly bring refresh-  
ments.

The Orbindale Local U.  
F. A. will hold the annual  
meeting Wed. evening, the  
22nd inst.

To rent—3 rooms, partly  
furnished to rent, also the  
oil well shack. —See J. W.  
Wyatt.

Strayed—1 yearling heifer,  
roan, strayed during June,  
branded (lazy L B with bar  
above) on left hip. —J. S.  
Gulbra, bx 3, Irma. 37-9p

Notice: G. A. Sisson & Co.  
Ltd., have a Berkshire boar.  
Sec. 5-46-8. 37-2p

### NOTICE.

All owners of dogs "are  
warned to procure licenses  
for dogs before Dec. 15th,  
or summonses will be issued  
to any one harboring or own-  
ing a dog within the Village  
of Irma after above date."  
—N. M. Mathison, Secretary.

The following notice has been re-  
ceived from the Provincial Sanitary  
Inspector:  
"On future inspection of the Village  
being made by a provincial inspector,  
offenders will not be given notice to  
clean up, but will be summoned and  
dealt with before a Police Magistrate  
as provided in the Public Health Act  
of Alberta."  
Stable manure, must not be used  
for the purpose of banking up build-  
ings as this is contrary to the Provin-  
cial Health Act and also the Village  
and Provincial Fire Prevention Acts,  
and will not be permitted by the Vil-  
lage Board.—Order of the Irma  
Board of Health.

### PHILLIPS.

Mr. Reeves, of Manville, a brother  
of Mrs. W. J. Brickman, is paying a  
visit to the Brickman home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hodgins enter-  
tained a score or more of their friends  
last Friday evening, all enjoyed a very  
pleasant time.

Emil Gilbertson purchased John  
Stauak's car this week.

Mr. D. H. Stokes arrived back from  
Edmonton last Thursday with his  
bride. A number of his friends gave  
the happy couple a surprise party in  
the evening.

Andrew Kavalik spent a couple of  
days in Edmonton last week.

Miss Ella Brickman left for Ed-  
monton on Tuesday evening.

Nearly every one is rustling their  
cattle and horses which are badly  
scattered owing to so much fencing  
being done. Mr. McKee says he is  
short thirty head of cattle.

Mackie's threshing machine is  
still working. They finished the Bowles  
crop and have moved in to thresh  
their own.

Henry Bowles has bought the  
Ormistown house and moved it onto  
his own land. The school inspector  
visited our school recently and gave  
the teacher an excellent report.

Roger Brickman is building a new  
barn.

Ruby Draper spent the week end  
with friends in Viking.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brickman  
spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J.  
Reed.

Some of the young people attended  
the dance at Diamond Willow Friday  
night.

Evidently our old neighbor, W. G.  
Murray, thinks Sunny Alberta is good  
enough for him and like many others  
who have left will be returning before  
many seasons pass.

The District Nurse, Miss Anderson,  
visited Quinte school, also paid a  
visit to her old friend, Miss Ella.

At the recent sale of school lands,  
E. A. Brickman bought the southwest  
quarter of section 29 and R. E. Wes-  
brook the southeast quarter. The  
north half of the section was not sold.

Don't forget the basket social to be  
held at Quinte school the 21st Dec.  
Baskets to be sold by owner's shadow.  
A good program has been arranged.  
Social to be followed by a dance for  
which good music has been promised.  
Admission 25c. Proceeds to buy a  
gramophone for the school.

## SPORT DOPE

By BUCK

"All entered in good faith and  
without prejudice"

### OUR TOWN FOREVER!

Praise it.  
Improve it.  
Talk about it.  
Trade at home.  
Be public spirited.

Tell of its business men.  
Take a home pride in it.  
Remember its your home.

Tell of its natural advantages.  
Trade and induce others to trade  
here.

When strangers come to town, use  
them well.

Don't call your best citizens frauds  
and impostors.

Support your local institutions that  
benefit your town.

Look ahead of self when all the  
town is to be considered.

Help the public officers do the most  
good for the most people.

Lines to my lead pencil.

I know not  
WHERE thou art;  
THAT thou wert  
ON my desk.

PEACEFUL and contented  
A moment back;  
AND as I turn my head to  
LIGHT my pipe

SOME heartless wretch  
WENT south with thee.

I know not  
WHO he was.  
NOR shall  
I investigate;

PERCHANCE  
It may have been  
THE guy I stole it from.

Crinkle crinkle, little bill,  
Goodness, gracious you look ill;  
Are you losing all your power.  
Now that prices are so high  
I'm so tired I could die.

No one dares put me away.  
When the evening board is set,  
With the fruits of father's sweat  
My small voice is small and still—  
I am in the butchers' trol.

And no matter where I go,  
People disregard me so;  
I don't seem to count for much,  
Mongers the profiteers and such.

Bill take heart, your luck may change  
I'll admit that times are strange,  
Though you're weak, I love you still,  
Crinkle, crinkle, little dollar bill.

## VIKING

The postponed tax sale of lands in  
the M. D. of Lakeview was held last  
Friday.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Gray  
a son, on Wednesday, December 1st,  
weight nine pounds.

Mrs. W. A. Knowles who was oper-  
ated on several weeks ago in Edmon-  
ton last week to be home and among  
friends again.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones and  
daughter Miss Anna motored to Irma  
last week to see the new "boy" at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Jones.

The stores in town are all dressed  
up in Christmas regalia and are full  
of Christmas goods ready for the  
holiday shoppers.

The big sale at Hilliker Bros. store  
which began last Saturday is going  
strong. An extra force of clerks is on  
the job to take care of the trade.

Miss Nora Watkins left Sunday  
evening for Calgary where she will  
spend several weeks with her sisters,  
Mrs. Keir and Miss Amy Watkins.

Steve Jones and W. McAthey re-  
turned via auto from Edmonton last  
Saturday in the big snowstorm and  
they had quite a time getting home,  
but after several relays finally landed  
here. Wm. Davidson accompanied  
them from Tofield.

The curling and skating rink  
opened last Friday and now the rink  
is going in full swing. The curlers  
are playing the Merchants Bank  
competition. Considerable enthusiasm  
is being shown in the roarin' game  
and some good games have already  
been played.

A Grand Concert and Christmas  
Tree will be held in the Cobourg  
School on Thursday evening, Decem-  
ber 23rd. Drills and songs by the  
children also a Cantata, entitled "A  
Bundle of Sticks" or "Santa Claus  
Mistake." Concert to commence at  
7.30 P.M. Everybody welcome.

A Leap Year dance under the aus-  
pices of the Holden Athletic Associa-  
tion will be held in Holden on Fri-  
day, Dec. 17th at 8 o'clock sharp. The  
Holden orchestra will upon this oc-  
casion, under the direction of Mr. Jas.  
Aldred make its first appearance in  
public and supply music. A good time  
is anticipated. Everyone welcome.

At the ratepayers meeting on Decem-  
ber 13th to nominate councillors for  
1921, W. L. Campbell and Jas. C.  
Hennessey, of the present council were  
re-nominated, and L. R. Dayton nomi-  
nated in place of B. Hilliker who did  
not wish to continue in office. There  
being no further nominations, Mr.  
Dayton will take a seat on the council  
in January by acclamation.

D. M. Dugan was elected mayor  
of Edmonton on Monday last over  
Joe Clarke in one of the hottest mun-  
icipal elections ever held in the city.

All the money bylaws and the gas  
bylaw were carried down hard. It is  
now up to Viking to be the first to  
get the gas and show what a real live  
gas city looks like.

Wedding bells, cow bells, and all  
other kinds of bells jingled violently  
on Dec. 6th when Mr. A. A. Rayment,  
of Rodino, and Miss H. Yeatman, of  
London, Eng. were united in marriage  
at Vermilion. Miss Yeatman broke  
her journey at Vermilion where the  
ceremony took place in the Anglican  
church. The happy couple then mot-  
ored to Rodino where dinner was  
served. Proceedings ended with much  
jingling on Mr. Rayments farm at  
Rodino when the boys showed their  
municipal abilities.

A wedding of local interest took  
place at the Presbyterian church  
manse, Edmonton, on November 24,  
when Mr. J. L. Schuler and Miss  
Kathleen Airth, both of this place,  
were united in marriage by the Rev.  
Dr. McQueen, pastor the church.

Witnesses to the ceremony were Mr.  
Robt. Airth, brother of the bride, and  
Miss Lillian Essie. After the nuptial  
knot had been tied, a wedding dinner  
was served at the St. James cafe.  
The newlyweds have returned here  
and have already gone to house keep-  
ing on Mr. Schuler's farm just west  
of town. The bride is the daughter  
of the late Mr. Jas. Airth and Mrs.  
Airth and has grown to womanhood  
in this district and is an estimable  
young lady. Both young people are  
held in high esteem and a host of  
friends wish them much success and  
happiness.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

During the winter months the Sec-  
retary Treasurer of Municipal Dis-  
trict of Kinisla No. 424 will be in  
Jarrow from the hours of 1.30 P.M.  
to 6 P.M. on the following dates:—

December 21st, January 4th, Janu-  
ary 18th, February 2nd, and 16th,  
March 2nd and 16th.

In Kinisla from 9 A.M. to 2.30 P.M.  
on the following dates:—  
December 22nd, January 5th and  
19th; February 3rd and 17th; March  
3rd and 17th.

Attention is drawn to the fact that  
all Taxes are now overdue and should  
be paid to the Secy-Treas. either by  
mail to Kinisla or personally to him  
at the above dates. All arrears of  
taxes must be paid immediately.

## Do We Take Small Accounts?



We do more than that.  
We invite them—welcome  
them—and take good care  
of them. If you wish to open  
a Savings Account for any  
particular purpose—or wish to  
teach the children to save by having  
an account in each child's name—do not  
hesitate to do so because the amounts to be  
deposited will be small. \$1. is sufficient to  
open a Savings Account, and deposits of \$1. are  
always welcome.

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## Wants, Notices Strays, Etc.

**BRAND NOTICE.**  
u Cattle branded OL (half circle un-  
derneath) are the property of H.W.  
LOVE, IRMA. Kindly notify and they  
will be taken away.

**BRAND NOTICE.**  
Farmers having stray cattle on  
their premises branded (reversed D  
B half diamond underneath) on right  
hip, please notify and oblige,  
B. DEVERNY, IRMA. 36-8u

**FOR SALE—"Red Bobs"** wheat  
cleaned, at \$6 per bushel; "Kitchen  
Wheat" cleaned at \$8 per bushel;  
bags extra. Delivered in Irma.—T.P.  
RICHMOND, Hardisty. 36-8p

**STRAYED**—to my place, bay horse  
white stripe face, two left feet white,  
7 or 8 years old, weight about 1250.  
Branded L7 on left thigh and lazy B  
right hip, also 165 right thigh.—N.L.  
FUDER, Irma. 36-4c

**FOR SALE**—4 Yearling heifers; 1  
yearling steer; 5 spring calves. Apply  
to GEO. KNOWLES, NW, quarter 30  
45, or Irma, P. O. 36-4p

**STRAYED**—One 18 months' old  
steer, dark red with white horns; 1  
two year old red heifer, no horns;  
both branded C lazy P on left ribs.  
\$5 reward for notifying HARRY  
MEAKINS, Jarrow, where they are.  
36-4c

**STRAYED**—Bay Gelding, 4 years  
old, (Diamond, lazy S on right flank.  
Had halter on when last seen. \$5.00  
reward for return to, J. R. LOVE,  
N.W. 28-45-9, Irma. 36-4p

Strayed—to N. W. 36-46-  
9, one red heifer, ears and  
tail frozen. One red bull calf  
white on belly, no visible  
brands. Owner can have  
same by paying expenses.—  
W. D. Nicoll. 37p

Strayed—black pony  
mare, small white spot on  
face, \$5.00 reward. L. Hos-  
trip, Irma. 35-7p

Strayed—from S. W.  
quarter of Sec. 30-46-9, w4,  
yearling heifer, red and  
white nearly a roan, and 2-  
yr old steer, red and white,  
both branded 582 on right  
side. X  
—Chas. Olsen, Irma, P. O.  
35-7

## IRMA MARKET

Prices-subject to change without  
notice.

**WHEAT**  
No. 1 1.62  
No. 2 1.49  
No. 3 1.44

**OATS**  
2 CW 38  
Extra Feed 30  
1 Feed 27

**RYE**  
No. 2 1.20  
Rejected

**BARLEY**  
No. 3 55  
No. 4 49  
No. 5 55

**FLAX**  
No. 1 2.80  
No. 2 2.76

**STOCK**  
Cows 8 to 6c  
Steers 11c  
Hogs

**PRODUCE**  
Butter 50c  
Eggs 65c  
Sugar 175c  
Flour 675c  
Potatoes 75  
Twine 20c

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American Plan, \$4.00 and up; with bath, \$4.50; European Plan, \$2.00 and up.

One of the largest and most comfortable hotels in the Dominion, every first-class. The Queen's is well known for its suite with bath, long distance telephone in every room, elegantly furnished throughout, cuisine and service of the highest order of cookery, station, theatre and shopping districts. Hotel coaches meet all trains.

HENRY WINNETT.

## Ownership of Natural Resources

When the British Crown Colonies of Upper and Lower Canada (or Ontario and Quebec as we know them today), and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick united to form the Dominion of Canada they were autonomous units enjoying ownership of their public domain and control over their customs, postal and other services. When they decided to enter the Canadian confederation they agreed to surrender to the Federal authority control and jurisdiction over the Customs, Post Office and certain other public services, but they insisted on retaining ownership and control of the public domain, that is, the lands, forests and mines.

Later, when the Crown Colony of British Columbia decided to join the confederation it likewise relinquished certain of its powers and services to the Federal body, but retained ownership and control of its public domain and natural resources. It also bargained that certain things should be done, as, for example, that a transcontinental railway should be built connecting British Columbia with the Eastern Provinces.

The construction of this railway across what is now Eastern Canada, but which was then the property of the Hudson Bay Company, led to the purchase by Canada of the lands owned by that Company. In course of time and with increasing settlement it was decided to create the Province of Manitoba out of a portion of this western territory. In entering the Dominion confederation as a Province, Manitoba came in as the creation of the Dominion Parliament, not as a previously established Crown Colony like the other Provinces. It had no Customs or Postal services to relinquish, nor did it enjoy ownership of lands which it could decline to give up. Consequently, in creating Manitoba a Province the Dominion Parliament did not provide that it should be given full ownership and control of its natural resources. The Dominion kept what it had hitherto owned. And when Alberta and Saskatchewan were created Provinces in 1905, the same policy was followed.

Few people question the legal right of the Dominion Parliament to retain ownership of these natural resources, but the practically unanimous opinion of the West is that by so doing Parliament violated the spirit of the Confederation pact and ignored the cardinal principle upon which Confederation rests. The Canadian confederation is supposed to be a union, or federation, of Provinces each enjoying equal rights, powers, responsibilities and privileges; in a word, all are supposed to be on a basis of equality. It is self-evident, however, that if some Provinces own and control their natural resources and derive large revenues therefrom, while other Provinces are denied such ownership and control and the revenues from the natural resources within their bounds go into the Dominion treasury to be shared equally by all Provinces, there is rank inequality. Provinces owning their resources not only obtain all the resultant revenues, but they also get a share from the resources of the other Provinces who do not enjoy such ownership.

In justification for the policy of Dominion retention of ownership and control of the natural resources of the West it was urged that it was in the national interests that these lands should be disposed of as free homesteads, and that inasmuch as the encouragement of immigration was a Federal matter, it was essential to the success of any immigration policy that control of the homestead lands should be vested in the same authority. It was argued that if the Provinces owned the lands they would be compelled to administer them for revenue producing purposes rather than to encourage settlement.

Furthermore, it was contended, the Dominion Parliament was spending huge sums of money annually for immigration purposes solely for the purpose of settling the vacant lands of the West, but that no such service was maintained to add population to the East.

Whatever force may have been in these arguments at the time, it has all been dissipated now, and has been for some years past. The immigration service of the Dominion Government is exerting itself just as it is to bring settlers to the Western which do not own their lands. Free homestead lands are now practically a thing of the past, and control of the lands remaining, the forest and the mines, is not necessary to the success of the Federal immigration policy.

Furthermore, the Dominion today is administering the natural resources of the West for revenue-producing purposes, and the Federal treasury is being enriched annually by a substantial surplus of revenue from expenditure from the natural resources of the West.

The net result is that there is not equality in status among the Provinces East and West, and as a consequence there is a weakness in the bond of confederation. The Western Provinces are restricted in their revenues, their development is retarded, and an unnecessary, foolish and even dangerous feeling of resentment is aroused in the West against the East because of the injustice under which the West feels it labors.

## Worth of Fish Hatcheries Excellence is Profitable

Huge Quantity of Fry is Distributed In Canadian Lakes.

Fish hatcheries operated by the fisheries branch, Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, have distributed in 1920 three-fourths of a billion fry, in the various provinces throughout the Dominion. The largest distribution of any one species was the valuable whitefish, of which more than 400,000,000 were released. About half of these were distributed in the Great Lakes and the balance in Manitoba. Pickerel came second to whitefish. Of this species, 120,000,000 were distributed in the Great Lakes and 25,000,000 in Manitoba. Sockeye salmon, the most valuable of all the Pacific species, came third, with 9,000,000.

Minard's Liniment For Garget In Cows.

Tricky.  
"I simply can't understand the combination of my wife's clothes."  
"What puzzles you?"  
"Well, when she wants to hide anything, she pokes it down her neck but when she wants to get it again, it's always in her stocking."

A Nasty Crop.  
It's easy to plant a mortgage on a farm, but it isn't so easy to raise it.

The most obstinate corns fall to resist Holloway's Corn Remover.

## Newsprint Prices Are Still Rising

An Increase of over 243 Per Cent. Since 1916.

Newsprint prices for the Winnipeg newspapers for the first six months of 1921 have been announced by the paper company which supplies this market.

The price quoted is 7 cents a pound, or \$140.00 a ton.

This is an increase of \$40.00 per ton, or 40 per cent. over the price paid for newsprint during the last six months of 1920.

It is an increase of 75 per cent. over the corresponding price for the first six months of 1920.

The increase of \$40.00 a ton now announced is alone greater than the total price paid by the Winnipeg newspapers for newsprint as recently as May, 1916.

The price is (i.e., the mill, and to it the freight rate must be added.

The freight now paid by the Winnipeg newspapers from their source of supply is \$19.50, as against \$10.00 a ton paid four years ago. This will make a total cost laid down of \$19.50, as against \$14.00 in 1916, an increase of \$113.10 or over 243 per cent.

## Bolshevists Have Coat-of-Arms

Symbols Used Represent Industry, Intellect and the Peasantry.

The Bolshevists have adopted a coat of arms, the joint work, it is said, of Lenin and Trotsky. It consists of two sheaves of corn joined to form a circle. Inside the circle the sun is shining on a field representing humanity. In the foreground are a hammer, a symbol of industry; a quill, signifying intellect; and a sickle, which stands for the peasantry.

Between the ends of the sheaves is a flag encircled by a paper band, on which is printed a red lozenge. On the flag, which the Bolshevists is an emblem of silence, is inscribed the legend: "If I am broken my contents will spread all over the world." The higher point of the lozenge represents Idealism, Intellectualism, Liberty and Love, and the lower, Matter, Power of Life, Labor and Reason. Around the circle formed by the sheaves is scrolled: "We work in silence for the Liberation of all Humanity."

## Honor to a Great Officer.

A graceful tribute has been paid by the Canadian Government to Lord Byng in his appointment to be an honorary general in the Canadian militia. Lord Byng proved himself to be a great soldier when he led the Canadians in the historic drive at Vimy Ridge in April and May, 1917.

## bled to Death

Tried to trim a wart with a razor and severed an artery. The only wart cure is "Putnam's," which removes, warts, corns, callouses in one day. Insist on getting Putnam's Corn and Wart Extractor, it's the best, 25c at all dealers.

## Recognize Them?

There are people who fail because they are afraid to make a beginning. Who are too honest to steal, but will borrow and never pay back.

Who go to bed tired because they spend the day in looking for an easy place.

Who can play a tune on one string, but never makes anybody want to dance.

Who would like to reform the world, but have a front gate that won't stay shut.

Who cannot tell what they think about anything until they see what the papers have to say about it.

## Peanuts Rise to Fame.

The peanut, once the symbol of all that was cheap, has risen in the world and is now classed among the aristocrats in nuts. It is the principal product of twelve of the U.S. States, and in 1918 the peanut crop reached the imposing proportions of 53,000,000 bushels and represented a value of \$100,000,000.

## A White Blackbird.

A blackbird with plumage which is completely white except a jet black head, makes its home in one of the London parks, says a London correspondent. It is invariably alone, as if its color barred it from mixing with its feathered fellows.

## Punishment For Profiteers.

The anti-profiteering campaign in England has resulted in the conviction of 1,320 persons, with more in prospect. Many of these were handed prison terms and \$35,000 in fines collected.

Fireproof barrels, made from sugar mill refuse, have been invented.

## Rumania Now As Large as Italy

Area Is 105,000 Square Miles, Population 15,000,000.

Rumania emerges from the war enlarged in area and in population. By the award of Bessarabia, confirmed by the Allies in a treaty signed in Paris on October 28, she gains territory which makes her equal to Italy in size, with a population of more than 15,000,000.

No other active belligerent in the war against Germany has varied so much in extent, says the New York Herald. Condemned by the treaty of Bucharest to lose half her territory, she has not only regained her previous domain, but has seen it successively enlarged by the addition of Transylvania, Bkovina, part of the banat of Temesvar, and now, Bessarabia.

This makes an area of eight times as large as Alsace-Lorraine, with a population five times that of the erstwhile French provinces. Before the war Rumania's area was 53,000 square miles, and her population 7,500,000. Now her area is 105,000 square miles and her population is more than doubled.

## A TONIC FOR THE NERVES

The Only Real Nerve Tonic is a Good Supply of Rich, Red Blood.

"If people would only attend to their blood, instead of worrying themselves ill," said an eminent nerve specialist, "we doctors would not see our consulting rooms crowded with nervous wrecks. More people suffer from worry than anything else."

The sort of thing which the specialist speaks of is the nervous rundown condition caused by overwork and the many anxieties of to-day. Sufferers find themselves tired, low-spirited and unable to keep their minds on anything. Any sudden noise hurts like a blow. They are weary of groundless fears, and do not sleep well at night. Dizziness and other nerve pains are part of the misery, and all comes from starved nerves.

Doctoring the nerves with poisonous sedatives is a terrible mistake. The only real nerve tonic is a good supply of rich, red blood. Therefore to relieve nervousness and run-down health Dr. Williams' Pink Pills should be taken. These pills make new, rich blood, which strengthens the nerves, improves the appetite, gives new strength and spirit, and makes healthy, dependent people bright and cheerful. If you are at all "out of sorts" you should begin with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## Paper Clothes From Germany.

The first cargo of German paper suits and overcoats has arrived in Chicago from Hamburg, and will be retailed at \$2.50 each garment.

## Cloth From Pineapple.

A Frenchman has invented a machine for extracting fibres from the leaves of wild pineapple, the banana, white nettle and numerous other growths in tropical countries. A process of brushing removes the last vegetable fragments from the fibres, which are combed and bleached by washing.

## Monseigneur.

For 15 days in the month of January I was suffering with pain of rheumatism in the foot. I tried all kinds of remedies but nothing did me any good. One person told me about MINARD'S LINIMENT; as soon as I tried it the Saturday night, the next morning I was feeling very good. I tell you this remedy is very good. I could give you a good certificate any time that you would like to have one. If any time I come to hear about any person sick of rheumatism, I could tell them about this remedy.

Yours truly,  
ERNEST LEVEILLE,  
216 Rue Ontario East, Montreal,  
Feb. 14, 1908.

In a certain district in Norway the longest day lasts from May 21 to July 22 without interruption.

Many of the words and phrases used in Proverbs are not found elsewhere in the old testament.



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## Big Drop in Meat Exports

The Decrease Represents a Value of Over \$48,000,000.

Exports of meat from Canada for the year ending October show a decrease compared with last year of the large total of 127,829,500 lbs. The decrease represents a value of over \$48,000,000 on the year's trade. The export figures for two years, reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, are given as follows: Bacon and ham, 1919, 208,906,038 lbs., 1920, 148,674,000 lbs.; pork, 1919, 18,002,313 lbs., 1920, 4,851,200 lbs.; beef, 1919, 129,944,411 lbs., 1920, 85,916,000 lbs.; canned meats, 1919, 11,393,393 lbs., 1920, 980,458 lbs.

There was an offset of rather less than a million dollars in the increase of "other meats" exported, a classification that includes game and poultry.

## How Far Does a Fly Fly?

Experiments made by the British Government, last year, brought to light the following facts relating to the habit of the fly. Flies don't travel nearly so far as one is apt to think. Of several hundred caught in a Suffolk village, sprinkled with white powder and released, the one that travelled farthest was found two days later less than a mile away. The bodies of the majority were found within two hundred yards from the place of release. In the open air flies rarely fly more than ten or twelve feet above the ground. On the top floors of a tall office building they are hardly ever seen. In many U.S. skyscrapers flies are absolutely unknown above the first two or three stories.

Simple and Sure.—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is so simple in application that a child can understand the instructions. Used as a liniment the only direction is to rub, and when used as a dressing to apply. The directions are so plain and unmistakable that they are readily understood by young or old.

## Plenty of Moose

Moose Are the Most Plentiful of Canada's Big Game.

"The moose is by far the most plentiful of our big game animals," writes the chief game warden of Alberta in his annual report, and this despite the fact that moose are annually accounted for scores and perhaps hundreds of big fellows. Throughout the Dominion, it is estimated that from 1,000 to 1,500 moose are killed annually, but the moose is by no means following the trail of the buffalo to extinction. Several splendid specimens have been shot in the north country already this season.

## Minard's Liniment For Distemper.

Another dangerous combination is a fool and his typewriter.

Miller's Worm Powders were devised to promptly relieve children who suffer from the ravages of worms. It is a simple preparation to destroy stomachic worms without shock or injury to the most sensitive system. They act thoroughly and painlessly, and though in some cases they may cause vomiting, that is an indication of their powerful action and not of any nauseating property.

## Decline of the Parlor.

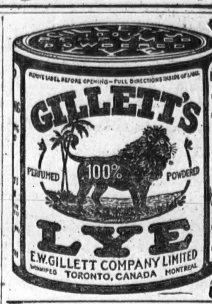
One of the large manufacturing companies of the United States is engaged in the construction of a great number of houses for its employees, and while there are many novel features in the way of making conveniences, the most striking thing about the homes is the total absence of the usual parlor. The space is thrown into the other rooms. "It looks as if the parlor was out of fashion."

## ONLY TABLETS MARKED "BAYER" ARE ASPIRIN

Not Aspirin at All without the "Bayer Cross"



For Colds, Pain, Rheumatism, Aching Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Toothache, Earache, take Aspirin—Bayer's genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for over nine years. Now made in Canada. Handy six boxes containing 12 tablets cost but a few cents. Drugists accept only one Aspirin—Bayer's. You must see the "Bayer" package, which contains complete directions. Then you are getting real Aspirin—the genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for over nine years. Now made in Canada. Handy six boxes containing 12 tablets cost but a few cents. Drugists accept only one Aspirin—Bayer's. You must see the "Bayer" package. Aspirin is the trade mark registered in Canada of Bayer Manufacturing Company, manufacturer of Bayer's Aspirin. While it is well known that Aspirin means Bayer, to avoid the public against imitations, the Tablets of Bayer Company will be stamped with their general trade mark, the "Bayer Cross."



Dynamic Education.  
To make "higher education more vital, to make colleges and universities and their graduates play an important part in the world outside the college yard and campus, is the task which educators have set for themselves. From every conference of teachers and educational authorities comes this new note.—Detroit News.

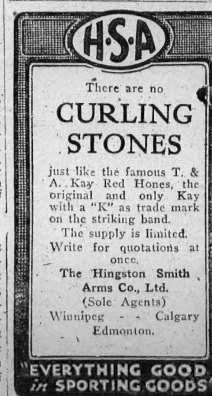
## COOKS!

You will immensely improve the tastiness of dishes and add tremendously to their nourishing value if you use plenty of

## BOVRIL

## Church Fairs

Is your Church holding a Fair or Bazaar this winter? We can give you some new ideas in raising money. Let us tell you about them.  
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Badges & Buttons,  
329 Craig St. West, Montreal.  
Makers of everything a Society needs.



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## From the Diary of A Hudson's Bay Clerk in the Seventies

### PASSING THE SPRING OUT

By O-GE-MAS-ES (Little Clerk).

(Continued From Last Issue)

At last spring arrived, with ducks and all summer birds and open water, thank goodness, so we were able to get two nets down again and feed our poor dogs who had been on very scant rations for some time. I heard that the Ki-say-the-nish band were in and camping along a small river some fifteen miles away, busy gathering in the egg harvest, and also catching mink and muskrat. When I told Pierre we would start in a day or two for these Indians, I noted he was very sulky, but this I passed over. Our large canoe was just getting the finishing touches and was about ready for the gun. This is applied by the squaws, and I amused myself watching them. Finally we had a small trading outfit packed in bales, and placing the rest of the goods in charge of O-sow-uk, away we went one fine morning, I in the bow with my gun ready for anything in the shape of game. For my dear reader, we had no ample store of provisions to draw on, but simply some tea and sugar with a very little flour for emergency, so the task of supplying the larder was a daily one.

The Carrot River expands here to Red-Mud-Lake, so-called from a fine red clay found on its shores. Also ash and elm trees are found here, the only place I have seen in Saskatchewan. We made straight across the middle of the lake, and just about half-way across the canoe was whirling round and found myself facing home-wards. "What is the matter Pierre?" I asked. "I won't go to those Indians. They are bad, and will poison us both. We are going back." Jumping round and facing Master Pierre, I grabbed the gun, walked to the canoe and fired. Then in a loud voice I said: "Turn round, you old scamp, unless you want to swim ashore," and in two minutes I had the old man at my mercy, for he could not swim and was nervous in a canoe. I happened to be brought up in Lakehead (close to Peterborough) where the famous canoe originated, and part of our boyish pleasures was testing the various models turned out by honest Tom Gordon of Lakehead, who was undoubtedly the inventor. Pierre was row bowman and a very quiet and obedient one. After a pleasant paddle we sighted the Indian camps, all moose skinned and dried. These are the best and fine fur hunters all right, was my inward comment. Running our canoe up the little creek, we landed right amongst them, and as the custom is, I went to shake hands with the Indians. Nothing doing—they simply paid no attention to us. No swells in the upper ten thousand could have treated us with more silent contempt than these unlettered savages. I walked towards the canoe, and Pierre hissed out, "I told you so. Worst thing, will happen yet." "Quiet, you dog," was my reply. Our chilly reception was made worse by noting black Daniel standing back of one of the groups and smiling to think O-ge-mas-es was being turned down. On passing through the camps, I noted some of the older women carrying the meat and fat off some recently killed bear skins, and further on were groups of the younger women who gave me the first kind glances I had received. I opened some of our bales and took a few of the choicest beads and some other fancy articles, and tackled the girls to buy. As these were the very latest patterns in savagdom, they were evidently by to the disgust of their elders. Aided by my broken Cree, which always brought a smile, I started a small trade, which spread and before bedtime I had taken in a good haul of the and thoroughly broken the ice, much to the disgust of our opponent Daniel.

Pierre and I slept under our canoe that night and next morning we were kept busy trading, so soon disposed of the bulk of our goods. I decided to return to our main camp, but first arranged a definite appointment with Ki-say-the-nish, saying that my next visit would see more goods and later styles. Shaking hands with all my new friends, and giving some trinkets to the girls who helped start the campaign, away we went, Master Pierre in the bow as before. On reaching home I found everything in good order, and on counting up turns I finally decided to send Pierre back to the Bas with all returns of trade, and also an official letter to the Chief telling him the man was no more use to me, and I would prefer, now that I was on friendly terms with

both bands of Indians, to remain alone for the balance of the spring. Pierre duly started and not in the best of humors. I visited the nearby camps, collected some small debts and picked up a good deal more fur.

The next excitement was an Indian feast to which I received a special invitation. Both bands were to meet at a specially selected spot about midway between the main camps. In the meantime hunters had to kill all game possible, as there was no doubt every one would attend. Finally, O-sow-uk moved camp (nine included) and we pitched again on the new community site. The name of the celebration was the Goose Dance, and a large oval enclosure was formed by sticking young green spruce on the ground at a slant inwards, about five feet in height. At one end was a elevated stage, and the whole oval was open to the sky. The feast was to start between four and five in the afternoon, weather permitting. Down the centre of the enclosure were a row of camp fires. At last the evening arrived, and sticking close to O-sow-uk, away we went, and from all sides came the men, women and children, each carrying a dish and a knife and spoon. I had a native-made wooden bowl, a wood spoon, and my large sheath knife, my old companion the same. We duly entered the ring and were shown to special seats near the stage (on the ground of course), and here we sat cross-legged waiting for the ceremonies to begin.

At last all were seated and four of the older men, painted and feathered, came in with four long stemmed stone pipes. Each spoke, addressing Kitchi Manitou (The Great Spirit), thanking him for the gifts of food and supplies to his Indian children. Each of the winds were given a smoke by presenting the pipes to the four quarters of the compass. Then with a stately walk around, the old men retired. The tom-toms struck up and four young girls came dancing into the ring, each with a bag of down or fine feathers. Keeping time to the music as they circled, a bunch of down was placed on each visitor's head. There was a pause, then bang went the tom-toms at full speed, large coverings which had been draped the stage were withdrawn, and to the view of all beholders were moose and deer heads, beaver and lynx (whole bodies), geese and ducks. The meat cooked in each case and the skins or feather were drawn over them and they really looked very life-like. A general hum of applause went round. In addition to the stuffed birds and animals were buffalo and deer, moose, dried meat, bladders of moose, narrow fat and other native luxuries. "Hee Me-chi-soo, Me-chi-soo" (eat, eat) was the cry, and every one was helped bountifully by the young girl waiters, my share being half a beaver and half a goose, my old companion getting the other halves. Tea was served in quantities with plenty of loaf sugar (my contribution). The eating was not a steady performance, but went on at intervals all night, varied by dances, weird songs and speeches, all hands joining in the dance at times, myself included. (To be continued)

## De Valera Not Worrying

States British Government Not Likely To Make Representations To U.S.

New York.—Eamonn De Valera president of the Irish Republic has issued a statement dealing with the announcement by Andrew Bonar Law in the House of Commons that the British Government was considering asking the United States to take official notice of the Sinn Feiners' "anti-British activities on this side of the Atlantic."

"I do not think that the British Government will in fact, make any official representations to the United States Government because even the British Government well knows that my activities have not been anti-British, but pro-Irish," said Mr. De Valera.

### Refuse Degree to Women.

London.—Cambridge University, by a vote of 904 to 712, refused women full membership in the university on equal terms with men. Most of the other universities, including Oxford, have already granted full membership to women, and the decision means that the women attending Cambridge, who are present at the same lectures and take the same honors and examinations as the men, are still prevented from taking degrees.

## Coal Shortage



W. R. Cumming, President of Drumheller Board of Trade, who says the shortage of coal in West is due to shortage of railroad cars.

## Canadian Wheat Going To United States

Heavy Movement of Grain Not Surprising to Officials.

Ottawa.—The heavy movement of wheat from Fort William to the United States has occasioned no surprise to Government officials here, in view of the approaching close of navigation, the possibility of a duty being imposed upon Canadian wheat by the United States and the fact that the wheat movement this year has been largely an over-the-border movement. This has been largely because the allied governments have not been in the market for Canadian wheat and the British market has absorbed but little of the Canadian product up to the present time.

## Rowell Causes Sensation

Startling Statement From Canadian Delegate at Geneva Debate.

Geneva.—The liveliest motion this assembly has experienced was provoked by Hon. N. W. Rowell, of Canada, who expressed his views regarding European statesmanship in a way that startled diplomats of the old world.

A sharp debate arose over the recommendation of the committee on technical organizations, that the assembly propose to the Government to set up under the auspices of the league, three new organizations, finance, transit and health, with annual conferences on these subjects. Mr. Rowell objected on the ground that it was impossible for distant countries to send their best men abroad four times a year to attend the assembly and the conferences, and declared that the result would be to throw these organizations under European influence. The assembly, he said, should occupy itself with these questions.

Canada at any rate, he said, felt that they were questions that should not be allowed to fall into European control.

"Fifty thousand Canadian soldiers under the soil in France and Flanders, is the price Canada has paid for European statesmanship," he cried to the astonishment of the entire assembly and the dismay of the delegates.

Arthur Balfour and Mr. Eisler were plainly affected by the thrust from the Dominion; they remained motionless in their seats through the debate with grave faces. Lord Robert Cecil, representing South Africa in the assembly, in a gentle way softened the blow by saying that he agreed with much that Mr. Rowell had said, but thought Mr. Rowell was mistaken in supposing that the organizations would fall under the control of Europe. He could not go into a debate as to whether Europe had made its way in the world.

### Want Completion of Road.

Calgary.—As a means of relieving the unemployment situation, the Council of the Calgary Board of Trade decided to memorialize the Dominion Government urging them to undertake, during the winter months, the completion of 32 miles of the Banff-Windermere road. "This will link up the work already carried out, and give a thorough automobile route from Calgary by Banff and Windermere to Cranbrook and Spokane."

### Big Price For Colt.

London.—At the horse sale at Newmarket, the chestnut colt, Archibald, which finished second to Spion Kop in the English Derby run at Epsom Downs last June, was purchased by John Sanford of Amsterdam, N.Y. Mr. Sanford paid 15,000 guineas for the horse, which will be taken to the United States.

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## By Air to Oil Fields

Vancouver Prospectors Expect to Steal a March on Those Who Wait.

Vancouver, B.C.—Oil prospectors of this city are considering a scheme to use a long distance airplane if one is procurable, in which to fly to Fort Norman oil fields and back to the coast. They expect thus to steal a march on those who are waiting at Peace River Crossing in the hope that they may be able to enter the district in the spring.

The distance is approximately 600 miles from the coast, and Major MacLaurin, superintendent of the Jericho station of the air board thinks the idea is quite feasible.

### U.S. War Expenditure.

Washington.—The net cost of the war to the United States Government was fixed by Secretary of the Treasury Houston, at \$24,010,000,000. This, he said, represented the "adjusted" expenditure of the treasury, excluding all other outlay which had no relation to actual prosecution of the war of the period from April, 1917, to June 30 last.

## To Discuss Liquor Question

Premiers of Prairie Provinces Meet in Winnipeg for Conference.

Winnipeg.—Provincial heads will discuss this week the date when inter-provincial trading in liquor will be prohibited in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, it was announced at the Parliament Buildings. Premier T. C. Norris and Hon. Thomas H. Johnson, attorney-general, will represent Manitoba at the gathering, and Premier W. M. Martin, of Saskatchewan, and Premier Charles Stewart, of Alberta, along with their cabinet ministers, will take the matter up with the Premier, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

Amendments to the Manitoba Temperance Act, will be brought into force at the same time the Federal order-in-council is proclaimed. Under the amendments, all doctors are limited to the issuance of 100 prescriptions per month, and no prescription to exceed 12 ounces. Stringent penalties are provided for breaches of the act.

## May Join "Little Entente"

Italy Has Completed Defensive Alliance With Jugo-Slavia.

Rome.—Italy and Jugo-Slavia reached a secret understanding at Rapallo, where the treaty settling the Adriatic problem was negotiated, by which the former would loan 1,500,000 lire to the latter, through an Italian bank, according to the Giornale d'Italia.

It is asserted also that the secret understanding contains the basis for an Italian-Jugo-Slavia defensive military alliance. It would, therefore, appear that Italy has become part of the "little entente" made up of Jugo-Slavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania, but without appearing officially as a member.

## Want Government Aid

Sugar Refiners Repeat Their Request at Ottawa for Assistance.

Ottawa.—Sugar refiners again interviewed the Minister of Finance in regard to the situation created by the recent heavy declines in refined sugar. As on previous occasions, they urged that they were entitled to Government assistance in that they claimed that their difficulties were largely due to interference with normal methods of trading. The refiners were promised full consideration of their representations.

### See No Hope of Truce.

Liverpool.—Prior to sailing for New York on the Baltic, Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the Dublin convention, in an interview said:

"I see no hope of a truce in Ireland nor any hope in the overtures proposed in the press. There cannot be peace while there is righteousness on both sides. If the people knew how many persons had been killed in Ireland we would soon have peace."

### Japan Would Return Shantung.

Geneva.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese ambassador to Great Britain, had the Japanese delegation to the League of Nations assembly, informed the correspondents that Japan was getting ready to hand back the province of Shantung to China, but was unable to get China to open negotiations. He added that the only condition Japan makes is that Kai Chow shall remain open to foreign trade.

# Provinces Must Deal With Their Own Unemployment Cases

## Council of Agriculture Concludes Session

Pass Resolution Condemning Interference With Freedom of the Press.

Winnipeg.—Protest against the protectionist interests interfering with the freedom of the newspaper press by withdrawing of advertisements was made in a resolution passed by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, which concluded the business of its present session.

It was declared that such action was trying to control public opinion by controlling the press.

The question of collective marketing was under discussion, but it was announced that there was nothing yet to be communicated to the press. A decision has been arrived at, it was intimated, and a committee appointed to settle the details. This committee in the course of a few days make an announcement.

The object of the discussions and negotiations has been the amalgamation of the Grain Growers' Associations in Western Canada. In 1917 the Alberta Grain Growers agreed to combine their business with the United Grain Growers of Manitoba, the business now being known as the United Grain Growers, Limited. Up to the present time the Saskatchewan associations have decided to remain outside the combination.

## Armenian Peace Treaty

Turks Obtain Possession of Territory and Armaments.

Constantinople.—A peace treaty between Armenia and the Turkish Nationalists is reported to have been signed in Alexandropolis during the night of Dec. 23. Under the treaty, Armenia's territory will be reduced to only the region of Erivan, the capital, and Lake Gokcha, excluding Karak and Alexandropolis.

The treaty provides that all Armenia's armaments must be delivered to the Turks, with the exception of 1,500 rifles, 36 quick firing guns and three cannon, which the Armenians are permitted to keep.

A Soviet administration has been organized in Erivan, according to the reports, and complete accord exists between Soviet Russia, Azerbaijan, Armenia and the Turkish Nationalists.

### Refused Passports.

Washington.—The British Embassy refused to vize the passports of the members of the special committee selected by the commission of inquiry on conditions in Ireland, now in session here, to visit Ireland to study conditions there at first hand.

This means that the members of the commission will not be permitted to visit Great Britain.

### Won Cattle Championships.

Guelph, Ont.—The grand cattle championship of the Ontario Winter Fair was won by the Shorthorn grade steer, Matchless Pete, bred and exhibited by John Kopas and Sop. Elora. The winner was decided after a close contest with Greenwood Gaylad, the entry of the University of Alberta.

### Protest Against Enriching Ex-Kaiser.

Berlin.—The Tagblatt hears that Great Britain and France have decided to send a protest to the German Government against payments being made to the former German Emperor.

## Hon. T. A. Crerar To Lead Farmers' Party

Third Parliamentary Group in the House of Commons Makes Official Appearance.

Winnipeg.—Hon. T. A. Crerar was formally recognized by the Canadian Council of Agriculture as national leader of the New National political organization, and as leader of the Farmers' Parliamentary group, and that group in turn was recognized to be the official exponent of the "New National Policy."

The following resolution was adopted by the council: That the Council of Agriculture recognizes the third Parliamentary group in the House of Commons, as the present Parliamentary exponents of the New National policy; and gives its full indorsement to their action in choosing as their leader Hon. T. A. Crerar and commends him as national leader to all provincial organizations.

It was decided also that there should be a co-ordinating committee to control the two representatives from each provincial political organization with Mr. Crerar at the head. This committee will consult with the national leader in an advisory capacity and will seek to co-ordinate the political efforts of the party throughout the Dominion.

Announcement of the council's political action was made at the close of the session by Norman Lambert, secretary to the council.

Ottawa.—The attitude of the Dominion Government towards the unemployment situation in Canada is set forth in a statement issued from the office of the Minister of Labor. It is in brief, that unemployment problems are the more direct concern of the municipality or province in which the unemployment exists, and that they should be dealt with primarily by such municipality or province. Federal aid should be given only when the problem becomes too difficult to handle locally. The Government of Canada, it is stated, is willing and anxious to do what is necessary to aid the local bodies in solving the problem of unemployment, but it cannot assume obligations which properly belong to a particular municipality or province. Through the Department of Labor, the Federal Government will be glad to co-operate with the provincial authorities as necessity appears, and through the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment it will continue to give special attention to disabled or partially incapacitated soldiers.

Obviously, says the statement, there can be no organized distinctions between the physically fit returned men and other unemployed workmen. The disabled or partly disabled returned soldier must and will continue to receive special attention.

In opening, the statement sets forth, that the Government has kept closely informed respecting the problem of unemployment, and has done all possible to provide against the foreseen inevitable contraction in business. The employment service of Canada, carried on co-operatively by Federal and Provincial authority has it is said obtained employment for more than 600,000 men and women since March, 1919.

## Test Western Wheat

Quality of Flour From 1920 Wheat Crop Better Than Last Year's.

Guelph, Ont.—At a meeting of the Dominion Millers' Association here, the testing of the grades of wheat from the new western crops occupied the attention of the millers, as in previous years at the annual gathering, and the announcement was made that the quality of flour from this year's wheat will be as good as that made from last year's crop, if not better.

Bread was baked in the laboratory of the Ontario Agricultural College, specially designed to furnish the required tastes of the various grades of the western wheat, and the tests were regarded as satisfactory.

### Judgment in Rates Case.

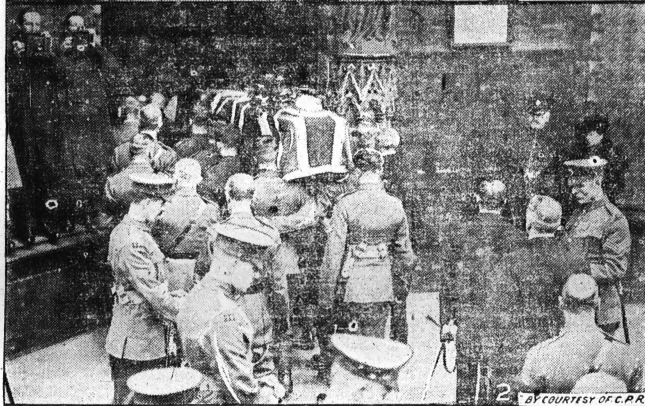
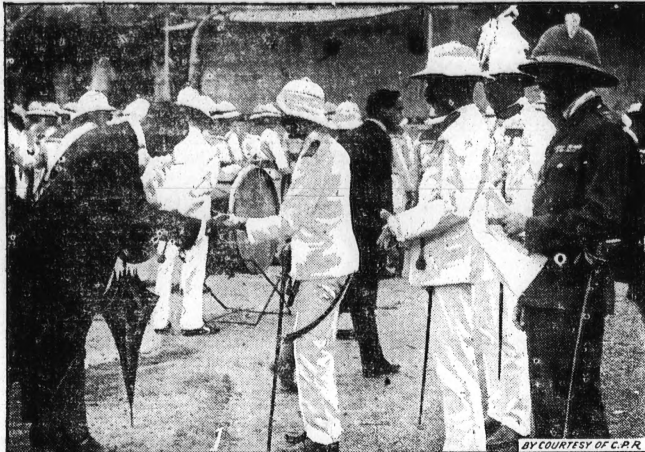
Ottawa.—With the return from the Eastern provinces of Hon. F. B. Carvell, chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners, judgment may be expected shortly dealing with the application of the Manitoba Government for suspension of the railway rates increases, pending a further inquiry. It is altogether probable that the board's decision in the matter will be handed down before the end of the week.

### Fined for Spreading False Report.

Belfast.—Directors Martin Fitzgerald and Hamilton Edwards, of the Freeman's Journal, of Dublin, who were found guilty of "spreading a false report intended to cause defection," were sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined £500 each.



## The Prince—Honoring the Unknown



(1) The Prince of Wales Landing at Demerara, British Guiana.  
(2) Armistice Day—Scene as the Coffin of the Unknown Hero Was Being Borne Out Into Westminster Abbey, Escorted by Britain's Most Famous Soldiers and Sailors.

## Picture News From Europe



(1) Church Congress at Southend, Belgium — Head of Procession Leaving the High School for St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell.  
(2) The Arrival of the Unknown Hero at Dover, England—Bluejackets on Guard Over the Body on Board the "Verdun" at Dover.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. M. D. Askin left last Wednesday for a trip to Port Elgin, Ont.

We hear some 15 cars were loaded with grain last week at the Irma elevators.

Mr. A. Brown, of Holden, paid a visit to town last Friday.

Mr. H. W. Love, editor of the Times, left for Toronto on Tuesday for a two week visit.

Lost—between Irma and Clark Manor, a parcel containing dry goods. Finder please leave at Co-op store.—Mrs. J. A. Littlechild.

We understand that the stork paid a call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Jackson last Sunday morning, leaving a fine baby girl. Both doing nicely.

Mr. T. Shaw has a gang of men remodelling the old drug store building on the west side of First Ave. When completed the building will be furnished as a rooming house.

An item referring to the hospital site at Viking was put at the end of the weather fore cast article last week by mistake. It did not refer to any site at Irma as someone thought it.

Mr. Roy Whyte spent the week-end at Edmonton as a delegate to the O. R. T. meeting, Roy representing the balance of the Irma staff at the meeting which we understand passed off very orderly. The staff receiving assurance that all their wishes would be considered.

Mr. H. F. Tilley, traveling passenger agent for the Canadian National Lines, was in town last Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Tilley informs us that the passenger departments are doing far more business this season than they have done any other holiday season. This speaks well for the new service. The new trains have been travelling in two sections nearly every day since the 1st of December.

Last Monday afternoon, some of the friends and parents of the pupils met at the school and arranged committees to assist the teacher with the Xmas tree entertainment to be held in the Co-op Hall Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd. The pupils are busy drilling and rehearsing the different parts they take in the program. They are all looking forward to a very enjoyable evening.

Strayed—to my premises, during Oct. one large red steer, no visible brand, dehorned. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses.—Frank Yonker, Sec. 16-46-S. 1tp.

## U. F. W. A.

The annual meeting was held in the Co-op Hall on Thursday, Dec. 9th. The following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. C. T. Hill. Vice Pres. Miss Milburn. Sec. Treas. Mrs. Higginson. Directors: Mrs. A. G. Walker, Mrs. J. H. Elliott, Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. F. W. Watkinson.

The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Watkinson Thursday, Jan. 6th, 1921.

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Wayne Mitchell 25, Hoy Evans 24, Chas. Peterson 22, Stuart Beattie 21½, George Fischer 20, Darrel Peterson 19, Wendell Mitchell 16, Dan Mathison 16, Harry Linnen 15½, Alex Smallwood 15½, Earl Linnen 14½, Nelwin Peterson 10½.

All parents of Trail Rangers and those interested in boy life in our community, are requested to remember the 15th of January. The Trail Rangers are going to entertain their fathers and mothers and introduce them to Capt. Wallace Forgie,

provincial secretary of boys work for Alberta, and one of the men instrumental in establishing the Canadian standard of Efficiency Tests for boys. He's a real live wire. Don't fail to hear him if you are the father or mother of a real live boy.

## CHURCH NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICES.  
1.30 P.M. Preaching at Alma Mater.  
3.30 P.M. Preaching at Ross.  
7.30 P.M. Preaching at Irma.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

11 A.M. at Irma.  
2.30 P.M. at Roseberry, Alma Mater and Ross.  
Everybody is invited to these meetings.

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